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Secretary Of State Bruce McPherson Announces Conviction in Alameda County Voter Fraud Case

Defendant sentenced to one year in jail and five years probation

ALAMEDA COUNTY - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today announced that a joint investigation by the Secretary of State's Election Fraud Investigation Unit and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department of former Hayward School Board candidate Roger Treskunoff resulted in a conviction.

Treskunoff pleaded guilty to registering a fictitious voter and to falsifying initiative petitions, both offenses are felonies. Treskunoff will serve one year in jail and be placed on five years probation.

"Voter fraud in any form is unacceptable," said Secretary of State McPherson. "I applaud the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and my Election Fraud Investigation Unit for working so diligently on this case."

The case was referred to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on October 24, 2005. Treskunoff pleaded guilty to two felony counts and was sentenced on June 9, 2006.

The Secretary of State's Election Fraud Investigation Unit investigates all claims of fraud that are reported. To report possible election fraud, please visit the Secretary of State's website at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_fraud.htm or call the voter fraud hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).

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